



William Gilbert Endowed C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Safeguarding and Child Protection

at William Gilbert School

Road Safety Updates

Next week will be Travel Smart week across Derbyshire. Each day of Travel Smart week will have a different focus. We encourage you all to take an active part by making environmentally friendly journeys to school.

There is a different challenge each day

Modeshift Monday

Where everyone's effort to reduce travelling by car will be recognised as adding up to make a big difference. How many days will you travel smart?

Superstar Shoesday Tuesday

Where pupils will be encouraged to follow in the footsteps of stars from film and literature to stroll or roll to school in funky footwear or wacky wellies.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Where the benefits of walking and wheeling journeys will be recognised as not only as a way help to keep you fit but also for mental wellbeing.

The school journey is a great opportunity to spot and chat about anything interesting you see on the way to help keep your brain busy and to connect with others.

Fume Free Thursday

The focus will be on engine free school journeys to help reduce air pollution as well as helping to cut carbon emissions.

This also includes:

- car sharing the journey with other car passengers
- making sure you park away from school and walk the last distance
- reminding drivers to turn off their vehicle engine when they park

Ride Day Friday

Go for a ride with a pedal, push or scooter glide with your family and friends. This could also include car share, park and stride, travel by bus or even a train!

Travel Smart week
16th – 20th October 2023

Join Team Travel Smart to make active and environmentally friendly journeys to school that are good for you, your community and the planet!

Modeshift Monday
Which mode of travel will you choose to make your school journey during Travel Smart week?

Everyone's effort to reduce travelling by car adds up to make a big difference!

How many days will you try to plan to Travel Smart?

- 1 DAY COMPLETELY FANTASTIC
- 2 DAYS ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS
- 3 DAYS THOROUGHLY AMAZING
- 4 DAYS UTTERLY MAGNIFICENT
- 5 DAYS TOTALLY AWESOME



THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children aged over 7 years:

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

Remember the Green Cross Code when crossing the road on your journey to school.

E- Scooters – Updates from your local PCSO

Advice for Parents and Carers



Dear Parents/Carers,

I have recently been into school as part of their road safety programme. I know that whilst I was there many of the children were having scooter and bike safety lessons in the playground. In support of this I delivered presentations to the children regarding Road Safety on 20th September. I had an excellent day; it was refreshing in fact to see just how engaged many of the children were.

As part of the presentation, I ask how they have got to school so that I could include the various safety tips during my talk. There was however an issue which became apparent during the day around scooters. Several children shared that they have an electrically powered scooter, with many of them describing what fun they are to use.

E-Scooters are easy for anyone to use both young children and adults can soon master them. Such scooters are readily available, both from the internet and high street stores and are relatively cheap with some brands being able to be purchased new for a couple of hundred pounds. In short you have something which is easy to learn to ride, is great fun to use and relatively cheap to purchase, there is just one problem with them, they are **ILLEGAL** to use in public.



In the spirit of trying first to educate, (I was in a school after all) before prosecution I have discussed this with the head Mrs Britten. We felt that the best approach would be to share information with parents/carers via the school newsletter, so that as parents and guardians you can make the right decision.

E-scooters have become a confusing issue in recent years, initially there was some confusion regarding the law as to whether they were motor vehicles or not. This has now been clarified and they are classified as a motor vehicle, as such they are subject to all the usual requirements of a motor vehicle. To be lawfully used they **must have insurance, be registered with the DVLA and the rider needs to have a licence**. The problem has occurred because it took some time for this clarification, and it has entered the public arena that these machines are lawful, and many teenagers and younger children have asked for one because they are a great way of moving swiftly around with no effort and maximum fun. The attraction of such machines is very strong. The situation has been further clouded because in some area where an electric scooter rental scheme is run, such as Nottingham, then they are legal to use without insurance, although technically the rider will still need a driving licence. All this has helped lead to an ignorance in the public around the actual position of these machines under law. **Let me be clear it is Illegal to use an E-Scooter on a public highway**. Even high street stores such as Halfords who sell these machines place a caveat on all their glossy ads.

'Please note that this scooter is not to be used on public highways, only on private property with the owner's consent. Images shot on private property with owner's permission.' (Taken directly from Halfords own website.)

If any of you would like to discuss the issue further or would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact me either through the school who will pass on a message or via Derbyshire Constabulary webpage where you can use the online contact form requesting the Belper, Kilburn, Heage and Duffield Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Kind Regards,
PCSO Mark Worrall.